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- Piloting a course for parents during their transition to parenthood through a European Cooperation Project in Adult Education
 - Seeking 3 partners to set up a Grundtvig project

Also interested in parenting in general

- Research projects on Marital Conflict and Family Violence
- Family Poverty with a special emphasis on young children 0-3

European Family Therapy Association

- The role of family therapy in helping families mobilise resources
- Public health Campaign on the benefits of family therapy in the light of the EU green paper on mental health that made no mention of the family whatsoever!!

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Research interests and competencies

Children's everyday life in and outside the family
Changing family structures, parenthood and (new) generational relations
Social work with children and their families, incl. fostercare
Children's perspectives
Children's rights
Participatory research and empowerment
Qualitative (& quantitative) methods

Interest in the social platform

Learning about the other participants' project ideas, maybe join a consortia
Learning about the other participants' research interest for the purpose of possible future project partnership
Project ideas:
Trust in social work with children and their families
Family relations in case of placement of children outside home
Legal and supervisory practices in case of divorce

Interdisciplinary Network

- Research
- Interdisciplinary (psychology, law, medicine, social sciences)
- National and international cooperation

- Broad Aim:
- Pursuing an investigative program on the ways in which the development of children and their families is affected by variations in socioeconomic, political and cultural contexts
- which experiences affect what aspects of development, when, and how
- Multiage, longitudinal perspective
- Challenges families face/ internal and external resources
- Specific focus on migrant families



Interdisciplinary Network Family Research (INFAR-Rub)



- B. Applied Perspective
- Children and families, e.g.,
- supporting children's pathway through the education system
- appreciation/ acceptance of and access to the culture of origin/ home culture and the culture of the receiving country/ societal culture.
- Community, local and state government, e.g. policy recommendations towards the
- availability and accessibility of supportive and stimulating environments,
- provision of continuous support for children and their families



Child and Family Research

Warwick Institute of Education (WIE)

- Interdisciplinary Research Group: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Children's Literature, and Studies of Ethnic Identity and Relations, Disability Studies, Faith and Religious Studies.
- Internationally renowned scholars in the field
- Ethnography, qualitative and quantitative methodologies
- Research about the experiences, lives and learning of children and families in contemporary society.
- Children's life course, gender and generational perspectives: Early years to young adults in the context of family and kinship; education, health and community.
- Frontiers of children, family and educational research.
- Network of local, national and international partners covering academia, policy and practice.
- Policy contexts of particular importance: Children's Services and the UN Convention of Children's Rights

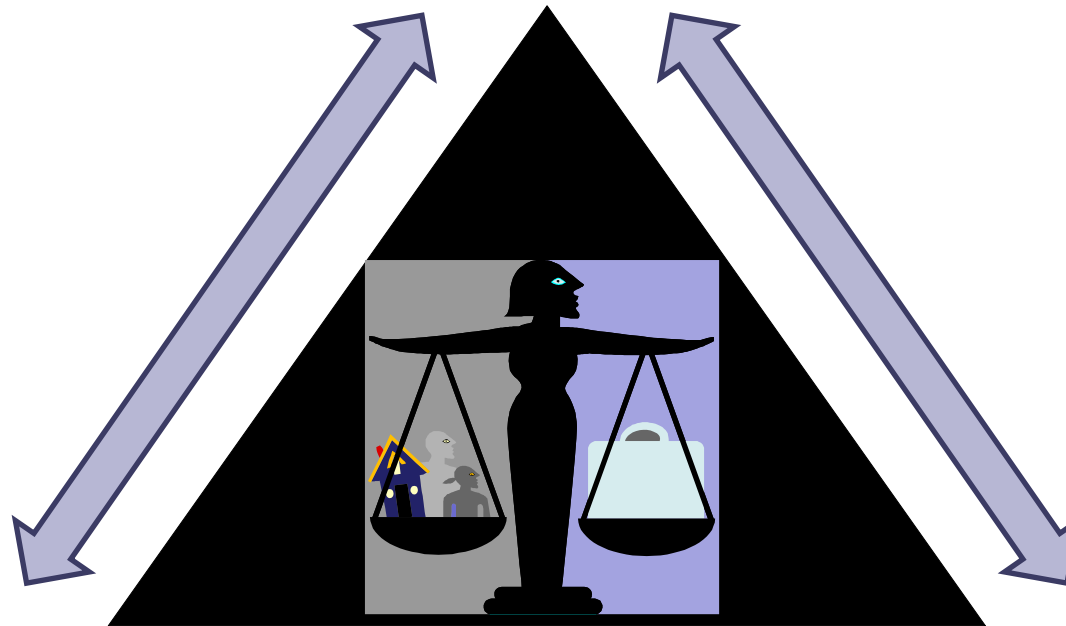
Institute of Education, University of Warwick,
United Kingdom - Professor Pia Christensen

WIE Networks and Knowledge Exchange

- Based on theoretical development and methodological advances in studying children and families; empirical studies that illuminate contemporary global and local perspectives of children, family and community life; research that contribute to and critically reflects on policy and practice.
- Extensive experience of working with major funding councils.
- High academic publication record in peer-reviewed journals, book volumes and in the provision of interim and final research reports.
- Creating partnerships in research, policy and practice a core objective.

Research Model:

Work-Home Arrangements



Work-Home Culture



Work-Home Interaction

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Current and future research:

- **Current:** relationships between the organizational work-home *culture* (e.g., support, hindrance, ambiguous), the availability and utilization of (e.g., flexible, care-related) work-home *arrangements*, and perceived individual work-home *interaction* (e.g., conflict, facilitation, integration).
- **Future plans:** international comparison, share best practices and state-of-the-art work-home arrangements, build “business case” for work-home balance, explore “gendered” nature and long-term career consequences.

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Changing families, social policy and the law – a work package

Central research issues:

- the relationship between family changes, family law and social law
- analysis of development trends in family law and social policy and how they affect behaviour
- interdisciplinary focus: law in context, law and gender roles, child-related welfare state policies

**= a work package in search of an
international consortium**


Prof. of Law Dr. Kirsten Scheiwe, University of Hildesheim
Faculty of Educational and Social Sciences




Changing families, social policy and the law – a work package (WP)

- **WP-Lead participant:** Kirsten Scheiwe
 - Professor of law, Hildesheim University (D)
 - Member of the German Scientific Advisory Committee of the Federal Ministry for the Family
- **WP-participants:** an international and interdisciplinary network of lawyers and social scientists
- **Activities:** to be discussed – intended are **two conferences on**
 - How to provide income security for different family types through family law and social benefits? Maintenance, child support and social benefits under change and
 - Children's rights and child-related social policies – from object to subject? The history of welfare state intervention and youth law and future perspectives
- a **research report** and experts' workshop to summarize research perspectives
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Mette Deding, Senior Researcher (mcd@sfi.dk),
**at the Danish National Institute for Social
Research**

- The largest family research environment in Denmark (10-12 researchers)
 - Strategic research programme on families
 - Multidisciplinary approach (sociologists, economists)
 - Mixed methods (survey data, register data, qualitative data)
 - Interested in joining a consortium
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Ongoing and future research areas:

- Family demographics (family formation, family types, fertility, divorce)
 - Work-life balance
 - Intergenerational transmission of resources
 - Family policies
 - Distribution and equality of income and well-being
 - Gender issues
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Bogazici University Social Policy Forum Istanbul, Turkey

Interdisciplinary research centre

Unique in Turkey

Research Capacity :

- affiliated professors (Econ,Soc,Pols,Phil)
- research fellows and assistants
- visiting fellows
- thematic working groups

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Research

Comparative research

Welfare reform

- social security/social assistance/social services
- welfare administration/multi-level governance
- health

Cross cutting themes

- labour market
- gender dimension
- care policies/reconciliation of work and family life
- child poverty and well-being

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WORK AND FAMILY

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: **MARI REGE**

OUTSTANDING YOUNG
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2007

AWARDED BY THE NORWEGIAN
RESEARCH COUNCIL
2008-2012

TITLE:
THE EFFECTS OF LABOR FORCE
PARTICIPATION ON SPOUSES,
CHILDREN AND PEERS

THE PROJECT WILL:

EXPLORE HOW PARENTS' LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION AFFECTS CHILDREN IN TERMS OF EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

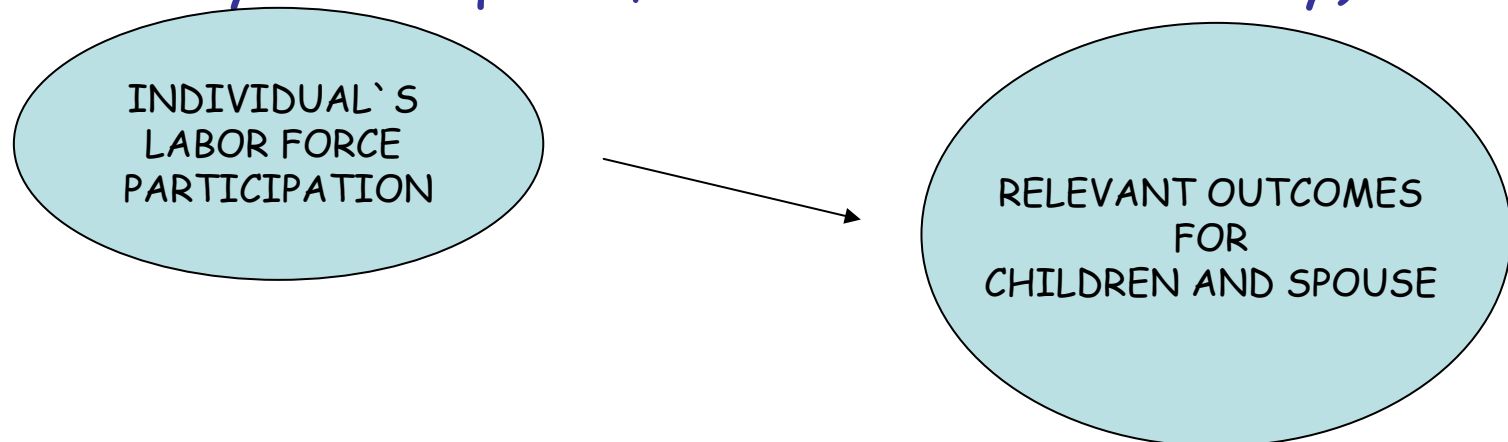
- How is a child affected by mother or father's involuntary job loss?
- How is a child affected by how much the mother/father chooses to work?
- How is a child affected by the parents' division of household work?

EXPLORE THE CAUSAL EFFECTS OF LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION ON MARRIAGE

- How is marriage affected by involuntary job loss?
- How is marriage affected by how much the wife/husband is working?
- How is marriage affected by the household's division of labor?

RESEARCH APPROACH

- Utilize Norwegian registry databases, in addition to a database containing grade outcomes.
 - Importantly, the dataset allows us to link spouses and to link children to their parents.
 - Moreover, the dataset allows us to link each individual to firm of employment.
- Utilize Norwegian labor market and family reforms in order to identify *causal* effects (i.e. paternity leave quota, cash for care subsidy).



CIRSFIA - Italy

(Inter-university Centre of Research and Study on Families,
Childhood and Adolescence)



- **CIRSFIA** is a research centre linking five Italian universities: University of Urbino, Milan, Trieste, Piemonte Orientale and Modena-Reggio Emilia
- **CIRSFIA's objectives:**
 - to promote and co-ordinate research on families, children and adolescents;
 - to promote research on social policies and social problems, as they reflect upon the condition of families, children and adolescents;
 - to develop and implement training activities addressed to users external to the university;
 - to act as a centre for developing international contacts, meetings and collaboration between Italian and foreign scholars.

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Childhood and Adolescence)



- **Research interests:** New types of families; Parenthood and filiation, reconciliation of work and family life, inter-generational ties; cultural patterns and preferences
- **Past research experience:** Becoming parents in contexts of low birth-rate; Transition to adulthood and family formation; Divorce and re-organisation of male and female life-courses; Families and early-childhood services; Reconciliation of work and family life; Evaluation of policies related to children in multicultural societies
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DISSPI – University of Urbino (Italy)

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- Past research experience: Co-ordination of, and participation to several national research projects (COFIN-PRIN) and participation as partner to European and EU funded projects
- Research fields: comparative analysis of social policies and welfare systems; Family transformations, individual life-courses and family policies; the Italian low-fertility: economic and cultural factors; family instability; participation rights of children: evaluation of policies.

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- Research interests: Family change and family policies; inter-generational collaboration, gender equality, reconciliation of work and family life, education.
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